During the Budget speech 2006-07, the Finance Minister hasannounced that yarn depots will be established in different parts of the qountry to ensure uninterrupted supply of yarn to weavers. A'handloom' mark will be launched for brand development. A scheme similar to TUFS will be introduced for the handloom sector to provide interest subsidy on term loans.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(ej Government has launched Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for Textile and Jute Industries including Powerloom Sector in order to facilitate modernization of textile industry.

Kosa Palan in Chhattisgarh

†3485. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been forwarded for sericulture (Kosa palan) in Raigarh, Bilaspur, Jashpur and Dhamtari districts of State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the proposal would be cleared; and

(d) the reasons for delay in clearance of proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Directorate of Sericulture, Government of Chhattisgarh has submitted a project proposal "A Special Tasar Development Project under Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana" to the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India for funding as special project. The project has been drawn at a cost of Rs. 14.24 crores, involving central share of Rs. 10.68 crores and the State's share of Rs. 3.56 crores. The project is proposed to be implemented over a period of two years 2005-06 and 2006-07 in the selected blocks of Jashpur, Raigarh, Bilaspur and Dhamtari districts. The project envisages development of 2000 ha. of systematic tasar food plantation, establishment of 4 Tasar Cocoon Storing Centres and 12 reeling sheds, training of 2,632 beneficiaries and raising of medicinal plantation for additional source of

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

income. It is aimed to produce 3 crores of tasar cocoons, 16.8 MT of tasar raw silk and 8.52 MT of tasar spun silk.

(c) and (d) The project was presented before the project Screening committeee of the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India at its special meeting held on 16-2-2006. The Committee is of the opinion that the project in the present form is not in line with the Government of India guidelines for Swarnayayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana and lacks forward and backward linkages. The Committee suggested to revise the project in consultation with the Central Silk Board and re-submit the same for consideration. The project is under revision by the Director of Sericulture, Government of Chhattisgarh.

12.00 Noon

RE. FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN SINGLE BRANDED RETAILING OUTLETS AND TO LIBERALISE THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT RULES ACROSS SECTORS

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SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: The Government has gone against the consensus ...*(Interruptions).*